

**MINUTES**  
**Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission Meeting**  
**Helena Headquarters**  
1420 East 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Helena, MT 59620  
**CONFERENCE CALL**  
**November 8, 2005**

**Commission Members Present:** Tim Mulligan, Vice-Chairman; Shane Colton; John Brenden; Vic Workman.

**Fish, Wildlife & Parks Staff:** Don Childress; Larry Peterman; Regena Peterson.

Vice-Chairman Mulligan called the conference call meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**1. Teton Spring Creek Administrative Rule of Montana – Final.** The last legislature passed SB503, which enacted abandonment of the Teton Spring Creek Bird Preserve. To maintain continuity with the Statutes, the Department drafted a rule change to eliminate the Preserve from the Administrative Rules of Montana. **Don Childress, FWP Wildlife Division Administrator**, explained that today's action is to finalize the abandonment of the Teton Spring Creek Preserve, and must be done now in order to meet the Secretary of State's timelines. If this action is delayed any longer, there would not be time to offer game damage hunts until after the first of the year. The comment period, which ended October 28, generated no comments. Approval of this final rule would remove it from the Statute and the Administrative Rules of Montana.

*Action: Brenden moved and Workman seconded the motion to approve the final Administrative Rule of Montana, which finalizes the abandonment of the Teton Spring Creek Preserve. Motion carried.*

Childress said through continued meetings with landowners and residents from the Preserve, an agreement has been developed for a viable season, and the principal parties are encouraged that a long-term solution is on the horizon.

Childress said deer and elk population objectives will soon be evaluated to determine if there is a need for extended seasons. He said if things don't improve substantially, the Department is looking at extended seasons.

The conference call meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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**Tim Mulligan, Vice-Chairman**

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**M. Jeff Hagener, Director**